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DUTY FREE SHOPS AT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to open up investment in duty free shops at Airports by foreign and private players;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of airports earmarked for the purpose;

(d) the other activities chalked out by the Government to improve the facilities at airports;

(e) the rationale behind allowing private participation in duty free shops at airports in the light of the move to privatise the airports; and

(f) the likely fate of these duty free shops after privatisation of airports?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) Yes, Sir. (b) & (c) The global tenders for additional duty free shops have been invited for the airports at Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad,Calicut Goa and Trichy Airport.

(d) Based on the requirements, other passenger facilities and concessions are developed.

(e) & (f) The duty free shops will be awarded to the selected parties at the airports and wherever the airports are to be privatized, the new operators will be assigned for honoring the contractual obligations for the balance period of contract.